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SAN INFRASTRUCTURE ON DEMAND SERVICE SYSTEM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

- 5 The present invention provides improved techniques for managing storage resources, such as disk drives, I/O ports, and the like according to user demand for these storage resources. In a specific embodiment, a centralized SIO D system manages installed storage resources in a storage subsystem and connections via a network switch responsive to user demands. Specific embodiments provide users the capability to bring new resources on line,
- 10 define pathways between resources and provide billing, payment and other accounting information based upon the configurations and connections established responsive to the user demands, for example.